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SUBJECT: BIG PURGES; MORE IN PROSPECT; TWO MORE PLOTTERS NAMED

1. MOBUTU FIRED ON JULY 2 NINE OF HIS TWENTY-ONE GENERALS.
HE NAMED NEW COMMANDERS, MOST OF THEM COLONELS, TO SEVEN
OF ZAIRE'S EIGHT MILITARY REGIONS. DISMISSED GENERALS ARE
ACCUSED OF "MANIFEST PASSIVITY" VIS-A-VIS PLOT TO KILL
MOBUTU. "OFFICIAL SOURCES" SAY FURTHER PURGE OF "DOUBTFUL
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ELEMENTS" IN ARMY IS UNDERWAY. TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES ARE TO

TAKE PLACE OF "LUKEWARM ELEMENTS."

2. DAILY SALONGO EDITORIAL JULY 3 REPORTS THAT INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT A POLITICAL COMMISSIONER AND A STATE COMMISSIONER ARE ALSO IMPLICATED IN PLOT. THIS IS WHY, PAPER ASSERTS, MOBUTU HAS NOT PRESIDED OVER RECENT MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OR POLITICAL BUREAU, NOR HAVE THESE MEETINGS BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE AS CUSTOMARY AT PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE ON MOUNT NGALIEMA. INSTEAD, SALONGO SAYS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS BEEN CHAIRED BY COMMISSIONER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (ENGULU). MEETING OF POLITICAL BUREAU CALLED FOR TODAY (JULY 3) WILL BE HELD AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN KINSHASA, AND IN ABSENCE OF MOBUTU. EDITOR SPEAKS OF "GRAVE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND VARIOUS ORGANS IN WHICH PLOTTERS HAVE BEEN UNMASKED." FORECAST PURGE OF BOTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND POLITICAL BUREAU.

3. MINISTER OF PTT (TCHOMBA) WAS ALSO FIRED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE OF JULY 2. SALONGO CALL TCHOMBA CLOSE RELATIVE OF GENERAL FALLU AND SAYS HE USED HIS POSITION TO SERVE AS LINK BETWEEN GENERAL FALLU IN US AND GENERAL KATSHUVA HERE IN LAYING OF PLOT. TCHOMBA REPORTED AS HAVING CONFESSED.

4. GOZ ALSO ANNOUNCES THAT FORMER CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR ALBERT NDELE IS "FLAGRANTLY IMPLICATED" IN PLOT, HAVING HELD MEETINGS WITH GENERAL FALLU AND OTHER ZAIRIAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN NEW YORK WHERE PLANS WERE CAREFULLY LAID. NDELE ACCUSED OF COLLECTING FUNDS WHICH SERVED INTER ALIA FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS FOR PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF MOBUTU.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH NDELE REVELATIONS, SALONGO REPORTS THAT ZAIRIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE SENT EXTRADITION REQUESTS TO ELEVEN COUNTRIES, I.E., NINE EC COUNTRIES PLUS SWITZERLAND AND US. COMMENTS THAT "ZAIRE'S DEMARCHE IS MADE IN FULL CONFIDENCE THAT (ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS) HAVE ALWAYS MANIFESTED TOWARD US, EC COUNTRIES (PARTICULARLY FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND UK) AND SWITZERLAND WHOSE LEADERS COULD NEVER AGREE TO GIVE ASYLUM TO DESTABILIZING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INCENDIARY ELEMENTS, WHOEVER THEY MIGHT BE AND WHEREVER THEY MIGHT COME FROM." SALONGO SAYS NDELE CASE COMES UNDER ARTICLE 194 OF ZAIRIAN PENAL CODE (BOOK 2) WHICH CONCERNS PLOTS AGAINST LIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE. GOES ON TO SAY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE THAT GOZ DOES NOT HAVE EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH ABOVE COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE ZAIRE CAN INVOKE WITH BELGIUM ARTICLE 3 OF FRANCO-BELGIAN CONVENTION OF AUGUST 15, 1874, WITH EC MEMBER

COUNTRIES ARTICLE 3-3 OF EUROPEAN CONVENTION OF
DECEMBER 13, 1957, AND WITH US AND SWITZERLAND "THE
FRIENDLY AND PRIVILEGED RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN
THOSE TWO COUNTRIES AND ZAIRE." ANDREW

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